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IN THE

New Year

SECRETARY'S PAGE

C. A. SEIFERT. 33°

LET US KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Why Demit or transfer your membership in the New Bern Consistory? No Consistory within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council (Southern Jurisdiction) provides its members with the activities and entertainment that we do. Every member regardless of where he lives, having his current years dues card, is entitled to attend any of the numerous Ladies Night Parties we have each year and which provide superb entertainment. You do not need an engraved invitation to attend. A schedule of these parties is carried in our monthly publication **The Bagpipe.** You are always welcome.

We also have 18 Scottish Rite Clubs in our jurisdiction and these provide the opportunity for you to seek membership in them and enjoy their dinners and the social activities they provide. You will be royally received and asked to become one of them. Their dues are very nominal, and each one gets added support from the New Bern Consistory to help provide their activities. At each of our semi-reunions we entertain our visiting Scottish Rite Masons and if they bring the good wife with them they are invited to join the tours we have for the visiting wives of our Candidates. This is indeed a treat. The couples enjoy their second honeymoon at the Governor Tryon Hotel.

Come and enjoy our Reunions. Take three days off and use them twice a year instead of an expensive vacation. You are under no expense while here unless the good wife comes with you and then the entire expense at the Governor Tryon Hotel is only $21.00. We sleep you, we feed you and we entertain you all without charge. Can you beat that? If you can suggest anything else we can do let us know and we'll do it and if it's possible incorporate it in our program. Personally, I would never want to move my membership from this wonderful organization.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Secretary

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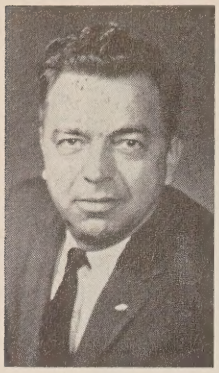

Dear Brethren,

Here's a lovely thought. The bag and I don't believe we've used it before. If so, we make a request for it to appear again. Epicletus (whoever he was) said, "You came into this world not because you chose to—or where you chose—but because the world had need of you." We might spend some of our spare time thinking that one over.

With Thanksgiving over, we are all aware that Christmas is fast approaching. The holiday season was opened so early this year that most people finished their Christmas hinting by December 1. And, if you have completed your Christmas shopping you might want them to add just a little more to each. It won't cost you enough to put you deeper in debt than you already are. In fact, it will probably make you a lot richer. To each gift, add a touch of love, understanding, consideration, and kindness. That could be exactly what that person needs.

Luck is what happens when preparation and opportunity meet.

Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.

Doctor: "I don't like the looks of your husband, Mrs. Gloskenspeil."

Mrs. Glockenspeil: "Neither do I, but it keeps other women from trying to steal him."

Teacher: "Johnny, can you locate the Red Sea?"

Johnny: "Yes, mam, it's on the third line on my report card."

Many an after dinner speaker talks in his audience's sleep.

Humanity is fickle. Your friends may toast you one day and roast you the next.

A little boy prayed: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time as it is."

The tiny boy had been taken for a ride by a friend of the family. On his return, his mother said to him, "Did you thank Mr. Banks for the ride?"

There was no answer. The mother repeated the question and still there was no answer.

"Jimmie," she said, "did you hear me? Did you thank Mr. Banks for taking you to ride?"

"Yes, Mother," whispered Jimmie, "but he told me not to mention it."

Charles: "Your sister is spoiled, isn't she?"

Everette: "No, that's just the perfume she's wearing."

You get nowhere in a hurry when the only thing you're quick at is getting tired.

There is much talk about the H-bomb. We just hope the subject is never dropped.

Kindness is a form of riches that cannot be taxed.

A Christmas Prayer

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding. That the good that lies in every man's heart day by day be magnified; that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them. That each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses. That the true spirit of this Christmas Season — its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith — may live among us. That the blessings of peace be ours — the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence. (Thanks to the New York Life Ins. Co.)

And now, Brethren, to one and all of you and yours, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Your piper,

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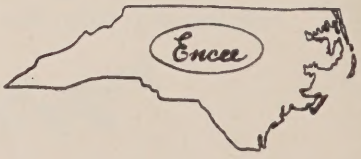

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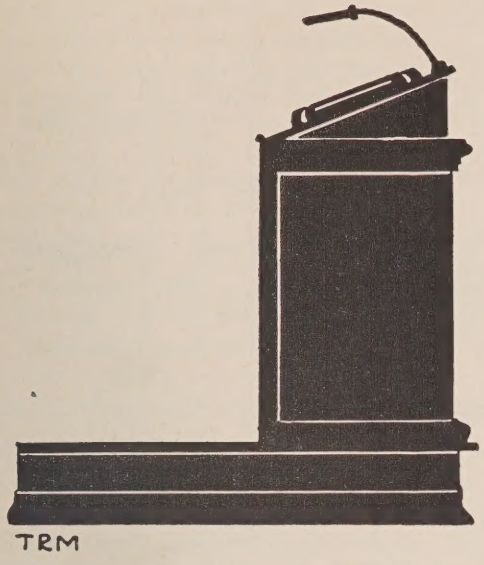

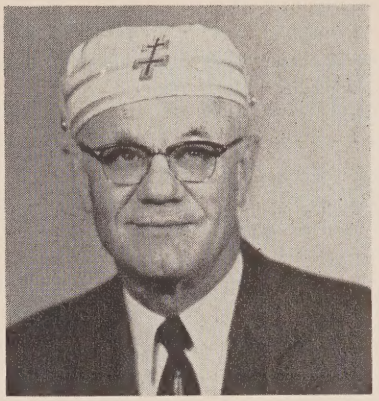

From The Classroom

BY R. L. PUGH, 33°, CLASS LECTURER

THE SAINTS JOHN

This essay is published under the auspices of Northern California Research Lodge, F&A.M. It is written by R. A. Jolly, a member of the Lodge.

It is respectfully suggested that it be read, rather than used as a basis for extemporaneous speaking. It is approved by the Committee of the Lodge.

In choosing this subject I was motivated by a desire to bring my Masonic Brethren a factual report on a subject which during my Apprenticeship was only a part of a series of questions and answers, shared with my coach, partly understood by him, and as foreign to me as was all the other phraseology which I was learning. The existence of two Saints John was learned in our Sunday School classes. Their importance to Masonry and the reasons for their importance are the subject of this paper.

According to the French historian, Sugeris, the Jews made a distinction between dedication and concentration. Sacred things were both consecrated and dedicated. Profane objects, such as dwellings, etc., were only dedicated. This distinction has also been preserved among the Christians who consecrated their Churches to the Worship of God but dedicated them to, or placed them under, the patronage of some particular Saint. A similar practice prevails in the Masonic Fraternity and, therefore, while we consecrate our lodges "To the honor of God's glory" (1) we dedicate them to the patrons of our order.

Masonic Lodges, according to tradition, were originally dedicated to our first most excellent Grand Master, King Solomon. In the 16th Century, however, St. John the Baptist seems to have been considered as the peculiar patron of Freemasonry. This honor was subsequently divided between the two Saints John, the Baptist and the Evangelist. Thus modern lodges, particularly in the United States, are consecrated to God and dedicated to the Holy Saints John. (1)

Biblically St. John the Baptist was the son of the jewish priest Zacarias and Elizabeth, cousin of Mary. In Mark (1-4) we read "John did baptize in the wilderness and preach the baptism of repentence for the remission of all sins". He baptized Christ and speaking of Jesus' coming (Mark 1-8) "Indeed I have baptised you with Holy Water; but He will baptise you with the Holy Ghost". (2)

Robert Morris, writing in 1856, says, "John the Baptist was a zealous judge of morality and an unyielding preacher of repentence" and in Matthew (11-11) "Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than St. John the Baptist." (2)

The drama of his life has been told in so many ways that to recount the details would be a waste of time. At the present time a Hollywood production which features the more sensational aspects of the story nevertheless depends upon the strength of this man for its real force. Even in his imprisonment by King Herod and his subsequent beheading to please a dancing girl, one has the feeling that his is the kind of strength, built on faith, which will last forever.

The festival of St. John the Baptist is celebrated on June 24th. At one time he was the only patron Saint of our order. His stern integrity which caused him to forego every minor consideration in discharging the obligation he owed to God, the unshaken firmness with which he met martyrdom rather than betray his duty to his Master, his steady reproval of vice and continued preaching of repentence and virtue make him a fit patron of the Masonic institution. It is believed that the ancient expression which speaks of a lodge of the Holy St. John probably refers to the same saint. (3)

Krause in his writings gives proof that the earliest freemasons adopted St. John the Baptist as their patron. (4)

The festival of St. John the Evangelist is celebrated on the 27th of December. His constant admonitions in the Epistles to the cultivation of brotherly love and the mystical nature of his apocalypic visions have probably been

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the principal reasons for his veneration by the craft. Here tradition seems to be wrong for all evidence shows that the name of the Evangelist is not connected with the Masonic order until after the 16th century, before which time St. John the Baptist was exclusively the patron Saint of Freemasonry. The two are now always united. In some early lodges the festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated as a feast day to which the entered apprentices and fellowcraft were invited. (4)

Briefly: St. John the Baptist was the forerunner of our Savior. St. John the Evangelist is said to be his equal because he finished with his learning what the other began with his zeal.

In England, Scotland and Ireland at the beginning of the first Grand Lodge in 1717 there was a large number of Lodges and Masons known as St. Johns Masons. St. Johns Masons, prior to 1717, may have been Lodges without any of the old charges and were therefore self-constituted. Also there were many Masons not in any Lodge and apparently in some instances, one Mason, not in any Lodge, would make another. (5)

The first Grand Lodge of England was formed on St. John the Baptist's Day in 1717 at the famous Goose and Gridiron Ale House in London and Subsequent annual meetings were held on this day. (6)

In 1799, May 26th, it was resolved that the Grand Lodge sanction the three great orders of Masonry, apprentice, fellowcraft and master mason, being the ancient order of St. John. (7)

After the Grand Lodge system was established many of the early lodges continued to work without joining the Grand Lodge. The records of the Old Dundee Lodge No. 18 (probably older than the Grand Lodge) show plainly that certain Lodges were never regularly constituted, but merely recognized St. John as their leader. They were looked upon as "unattached" or "Independent" Lodges, but their members were allowed to visit regular Lodges. (5)

The custom of celebrating the festival days of our Patron Saints is nearly forgotten. Their memory will live forever in our hearts as one of our most sacred ancient landmarks.

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PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club had their Fall Ladies' Night Party in the Fellowship Hall of the Hertford Methodist Church on Thursday night, October 29, 1964 with an attendance of sixty or more Scottish Rite Masons, their wives, prospects and their wives, and other invited guests. The spirit of fellowship and cooperation was very much in evidence, and the members and visitors were anxious and willing to do whatever they could for the success and enjoyment of the party. The Toastmaster, Willie Ainsley, called the party to order and then asked Secretary G. C. Buck to give the invocation. A sumptuous dinner consisting of baked ham, fried chicken, and all the accompanying goodies that go along with it, was served by Mrs. Frances Monds and her assistants in the Methodist Church, and it proved to be a delight to everyone present. Cecil E. Winslow then gave the welcome talk and recognized the different groups present as follows: one 33rd. degree Mason, Brother Charlie Midyette and Mrs. Midyette from New Bern, all New Bern Consistory Masons and their wives, two 32nd. degree Masons from other states and their wives, and most important, five newly made Masons and their wives were recognized as follows and asked to stand: Elwood Banks and Mrs. Banks, Horace Cahoon and Mrs. Cahoon, Elwood Perry and Mrs. Perry, Eugene Snow and Mrs. Snow, and Keith Overby and Mrs. Overby. A splendid program of music and singing was then rendered by Mrs. Charles Johnson and Brother Charlie Overman, and was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Brother Buck then presented Brother Charlie Midyette who spoke in a very interesting manner on the history and highlights of Scottish Rite Masonry and the special entertainment that would be furnished for the wives of the candidates who go down to New Bern and take the Scottish Rite Degrees; this feature seemed to ring a bell with a number of the wives. Our party was then adjourned by all standing and singing "Good-night, Ladies" which was played by Mrs. Tuck Webb and led by Brother Charlie Overman.

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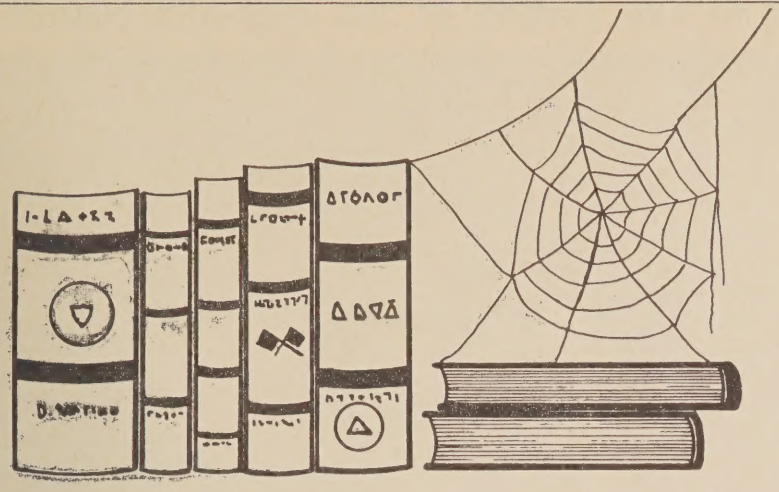

TEMPLE TOMES

Both in Scottish Rite and in York Rite Masonry we run into a contradiction. In the 14th degree of the Scottish Rite, and in the Most Excellent Master degree of the York Rite we meet it in the Ark of the Covenant.

The second of the ten commandments states; "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth". Here was one of the most solemn words of God, spoken to Moses on Mt. Sinai, written into tables of the law. Yet before the giving of the law was completed God Himself gave a command to make a statue of two cherubs to put on either end of the Mercy seat.

This was an artistic reproduction of a scene which God had caused to be enacted at the door of the Garden of Eden. After Adam and Eve had sinned (we have no nice word for Cancer.) they were driven out of the garden and we read "So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubs, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life".

At first thought it seems as though the cherubim are guards to see that the outcasts don't try to sneak back in; But the passage reads to keep it open and available — the way of the Tree of Life.

In the interval between the beginning of WW II in Europe and our entry into it, there were many maneuvers on our part to help Britian with "all aid short of war". We landed on Iceland in order to protect the sea lanes, and finally President Roosevelt announced that we would attack any enemy submarine which ventured west of a certain longitude i.e. "We are determined to keep the way to Iceland."

The way was open and God has always kept it open. When Moses received the pattern for the Tabernacle, which is stated to be the pattern of things in the Heavens, it was necessary, therefore, that the statues of the cherubs should be arched over the mercy seat where the sacrificial blood was to be placed.

Therefore God, in Love, said "Thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold". (both the Torah and the LXX say hammered gold) (Ex. 25;17 for details.) This mercy seat was the cover of the ark and stood between the glory and righteousness and holiness of God, and the sinners that were on the earth. The outraged justice (the broken commandments) within the box cried out to the fire that hovered above for judgment upon the sinners who had broken the law. The mercy seat came in between and protected the sinner from the wrath of God. This is the perfect picture or Symbol of our Savior.

[The ark, in its materials, acacia ("incorruptible") wood, and gold is a type of the humanity and deity of Christ. Itself a type of Christ, as having God's law within his being, for outside of Christ the law cannot be kept. Within the ark was manna, the bread of life, for outside of Christ there is no spiritual sustenance. Himself the Resurrection, of which Aaron's rod-that-budded-and-bore-fruit is the symbol, for outside of Christ there is no resurrection.]

If there had been no cover (kaphar) upon the box, it would have been the testimony of death against the people. No man could have approached it for an instant. (Remember the death of Uzza in the 7th degree?)

Far above this box, rising up to the sky, stood a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. The holiness of God and the righteous of God and the wrath of God were all centered in that

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fire and in the glory. How terrible is that Ark of the Covenant when it is thought of without cover. The box is open and the uncovered law bears its silent witness against us transgressors. The open ark would have been a seat of justice that could have done nothing but condemn. Only because God put a cover on that box could there be a seat of mercy instead of a seat of wrath and justice.

In the mythology of the pagans the first woman. Pandoro, had a box, which, when opened, freed all of the evils and the distempers that have since afflicted the human race. Hope alone remained at the bottom of the box to assuage the lot of man. But there is no hope in a box which has contained all miseries, and the legend is but one more illustration of the subconscious guilt that lies heavy on us all.

For this ancient guilt, the Great High Priest of the tabernacle-in-the Wilderness (and in King Solomon's Temple) on the Day of Covering (Yom kippur or kaphar) entered into the holy of holies bearing the sacrificial blood of the atonement*. This was placed on the cover of the ark, between the two cherubim, in the spot that was called the mercy seat. Between the law which man had violated and the pillar of cloud and fire above, stood the ancient sacrifice of God, made man. The wrath of God was stilled and man might rest in peace without fear of the falling of that wrath. Our Supreme Architect of the Universe had showed Himself to be a God of Mercy, Grace and Love, in whom is our total hope, and reality.

As we read this it is Christmastime. The first words our new-born Savior (Yeshua) said was "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire, but thou hast prepared a body for me. Whole-offerings and sin-offerings thou didst not delight in. Then I said 'Here am I: as it is written of me in the scroll, I have come, O God, to do thy will'." Heb. 10;9 (NEB)

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands . . . ", so, let us all make merry with the festival of music, laughter, and the Festival of Lights, for in Him there is no darkness, neither is there any contradiction.

By TOM McCREA

*The word "atonement" is not a translation of the Hebrew "kaphar"—to cover, but a translators interpretation. The word atonement does not occur in the New Testament. Paul uses "reconciliation" in Rom. 5;11.

House of The Temple of The Supreme Council

THE PIKE ROOM

(The next few issues of the BAGPIPE will contain pictures of the interior of the House of the Temple of the Supreme Council, Washington, D. C.)

THE PIKE ROOM

This room is a memorial to Illustrious Brother Albert Pike who was Grand Commander of this Supreme Council from 1859 until his death in 1891, at the age of 82 years. During these 32 years as Grand Commander he wrote and compiled many books, became familiar with many languages, among them the Sanskrit which he mastered late in life. The original manuscripts of most of Pike's writings in his own hand and penned by quill pens fashioned by himself are in this room.

General Pike is recognized as one of the greatest Masonic scholars, philosophers and historians of all time. Among the outstanding works to his credit is the ritualistic development of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. His renown as a jurist, orator, philanthropist, philosopher, scholar, soldier and poet extends to many parts of the world.

The room contains a miniature model of the monument erected to his honor and memory, the original of which is located at Third Street and Indiana Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. So far is it is known, this is the only statue erected to a Confederate General in the District of Columbia.

Through his diversified activities and writings he is known and revered by hundreds of thousands the world over.

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WHO RECOMMENDS THE VIRTUES OF MASONRY?

Congratulations to those of you who have recently joined with us in Scottish Rite Masonry! You have been thrilled, inspired, and made to think some rather sober thoughts. Now you are among those of us who need to ask the important question: "Who recommends the virtues of Masonry?"

Diogenes, the cynical philosopher was asked by an acquaintance to give a recommendation for him. The old man answered the request in these words: "That you are a good man he will know at a glance; but whether you are a good or a bad man he will discover if he has only skill to distinguish between good and bad, and if he is without that skill he will not discover the fact even though I write him a thousand times."

The change in character and life is the only commendation that a Mason needs. Every man within our craft is a walking advertisement for Masonry and the tenets of our work. If I were to set about to judge the merits of a great university, I do not think that I would first of all look at the faculty—great men though they might be. I would not judge it by the size of the student body. Rather, I think that sound thinking would dictate that the real measure of this, or any, institution is to be reckoned by the alumni of that university. Where are they fitting in the real issues which are confronting our world? What contributions are they making to the common good of humanity? The world has every right to formulate its judgment—as indeed it does—solely on the kind of men Masonry can send forth to take responsible leadership among the needs of the world. We who bear the name of "Mason" are open letters for the values we profess as important enough to give one's life for.

One does not have to be a seer to recognize that there are many people who are disillusioned in our world! Many are discouraged and disillusioned when they see the apathy of many who make great professions and pronouncements. It seems to me that two things ought to characterize a true Mason: loyalty to the Supreme Being and love for men. Love for mankind does really determine the love for the Supreme Being. There are too many people who profess the love for the Supreme Being who withdraw from the needs and conditions of

CLYDE G. MCCARVER 32°, K.C.C.H.

the world in which they live. We often observe groups which render pronouncements based on censorial criticisms! Such is not the call to a Mason! One would do well to follow the desire of the Indian who said, "Let me not judge my brother until I have walked one day in his moccasins." We live in a day when there is a contest: the liberal vs. the radical, the fundamental vs. the liberal. We, as Masons have the design set forth that we would work for the bringing of minds to the true light. This is our responsibility in the world. How can we get the job done? May I suggest a few ways?

First, we need the spirit of wisdom of the deeper things of God and life. We ought to be thinking people. Plato said that "the unexamined life is the life that is not worth living." We need to stop periodically to ask "Where is my life taking me?" Sometimes we need to readjust our sense of proportion. We need to re-evaluate the important.

Secondly, Growth in knowledge and effectiveness. Any profession that stops studying is a profession that dies. The members of a University faculty have to produce and publish. The doctor has to continue to learn new things. The lawyer constantly must be abreast with the new evidences and codes. The Mason must produce in the things of true manhood or slip into the area of nominalism.

Thirdly, Masonry must sound the note of hope in our needy world. It is almost characteristically true that we live in an age of despair! Many feel that they live in a world where the game is up for "the dice are loaded"! There was never a time when it was more necessary that the note of hope and confidence be sounded. "How can the soldiers go to war if the sound of the trumpet is not clear?" It is true that many need to hear the sound of a different drummer and to get in step with the proper cadence. But, the question before the house is "Who will set the cadence?" If what Masonry teaches is true, then this world is not on the way to dissolution, but to consummation.

Fourthly, We need a new realization of the power of the Supreme Being in our life. In the storms of life, the unseen steersman, God, is still at the helm and is in absolute control. The world needs to hear that message in our life and attitudes. This is our responsibility as Masons. This is our recommendation for Masonry. The best recommendation for Masonry is a man who dares to accept the invitation to truly let his light shine, to be a pillar to truth which will support that truth against all who would destroy it. This is our charter for being. This is our responsibility. This is our joyous work—that is, if we are truly "Masters of The Royal Secret."

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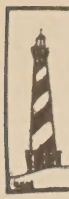

HERE, THERE AND YONDER

By E. P. Blair, 33°, Vanceboro, N. C.

It has been said "The ancients have stolen all of our best thoughts." King Solomon said "there is nothing new under the Sun." Many of these prophets of the past are so dimly remembered that we do not even realize that these individuals walked the ways of the world five thousand years ago; that they loved, suffered, struggled, and died even as men do today. The thoughts of these men; however, live on and on. If we were to make a study of their teachings we would find them just as fresh and potent as the latest news that we gather from the radio and television.

The truth of the matter is that six thousand years before the death of Pluto and five thousand years before the Trojan War, Zarathustra revived the idea of one God, the Creator of all, whether good or bad depending upon the actions of the people. Thus, it is no miracle that the Book of Genesis and the Gospel of John started with similar ideas about the Creator of the Universe. We see all over again statements such as "In the beginning God created" and "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. All things were made by Him."

Zoroaster was a firm believer in Prayer. He believed that the sincere repentence of evil deeds would bring about a lessening of punishment. Deception was frowned upon and the breaking of one's word to another was abhorred. The man who tried to do right was rewarded because of his devotion to truth and duty.

Interestingly enough the most ancient of the Aryans of India was Monu, a Vedic Poet who was also ordered to build an Ark and after the deluge his sacrifices would be justly rewarded. Forty-five centuries ago there lived Confucius of China who spoke of the great Finger of God, and he started a school of young and inquiring spirits who wished to be instructed in the principles of right conduct and good government. Confucius, on many occasions gave his "Golden Rule" taken from a study of men and their actions "what you do not like when done unto yourself, do not do unto others."

Ed Blair 33°, Vanceboro, N. C.

Now, My Brethren, I simply say to you; such are the teachings of Scottish Rite Masonry. I would hesitate to say then exactly where our teachings began or the exact date of the beginning. I would prefer to say to you that our teachings are indeed ancient and they are Honorable and they are true. They are as fresh now as they were then. These teachings have been lived and they have been loved, and there are those, who, now this day live and love them with the same degree of fervency as did the Prophets and teachers of old who first embraced them.

Thus, Our Movement is one that can lift you up and give you the guidelines of a better and more wholesome life. What more, then do we desire "than to love mercy, to live justly and to walk humbly with thy God." These words form the basic philosophy of Scottish Masonry.

DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By Reynold Davenport, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Edward Benjamin Smith, "Brother Ed" to all who knew him, staunch Mason and Christian gentleman, received and answered his summons from our Supreme Grand Master on October 22, 1964. He left a void in Jacksonville, in Onslow County, and in Masonry, which will not be filled.

Every man fills his own particular niche in the general scheme of things, and each leaves a void when he passes on. The efforts of those left behind, aided by the unfaltering passage of time, will eventually fill most of those voids. But every now and then there passes a man so unique, so beloved among his brethren, that the void he leaves must remain forever unfilled—if for no other reason, as a monument to his passage. Brother Ed was such a man.

Brother Ed will best be remembered sitting on the steps of his little store, always ready to exchange Brotherly

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Love with those fortunate ones who paused to visit. He greeted you with a warm and cheerful "Hello, my Brother" each time you walked up. When you had to leave he'd invariably say, "Come back to see me, Brother." He was in this respect, as in all others, a dependable man. The hours you spent with him were wonderful, relaxing ones. If, during your conversation, you decided to have a coke, he'd drink with you. He would take an already-opened one from the cooler and have a swallow or two while you were drinking yours. Then he'd recap it and put it back in the cooler so he could drink with the next brother who passed his way. It was just another little gesture among all those gestures through which he displayed his constant love for his fellow man.

Brother Ed was a successful man. Success is measured by many yardsticks —depending upon who is doing the measuring. Some men are successful in business; others achieve renown in the political world. We have our great military leaders and our outstanding professional men. Success in these and other fields is commendable and desirable. But the final and decisive yardstick will measure a man's character. It will matter not and count for little what a man has achieved in any area of endeavor if he cannot measure up to the yardstick of character. Masonry applies that yardstick to all who pass its way, and Masonry contributes much to the moulding of those who measure up. Brother Ed measured up. He met the test as applied by his earthly brethren. None will doubt that he has also met the test in our Supreme Grand Lodge above.

THIS IS CHRISTMAS

(The following article is one written by our late Brother Harold Glenn Cuthrell, 32°, K.C.C.H., and which was used in the December 1958 issue of our BAGPIPE).

By Harold Glenn Cuthrell

As Scottish Rite Masons we rejoice in the beauty, the joy, and the message of Christmas, for Scottish Rite Masonry proclaims the Christmas Faith which is a triumphant belief in the glory and power of the love of the Eternal God and Father of all mankind. Let us be grateful for Christmas, and open our hearts to the inspiration and influence of this Holy Season.

Christmas is Christ proclaiming the majesty and beauty and love of God for man struggling through the darkness of the world for light and understanding and peace. Christmas is the joyous festival of the Holy Nativity affirming that God was in Jesus Christ revealing his omnipotent love and plenteous redemption to man confronted with evil.

Christmas is reading again the blessed story of the first Christmas as recorded in the Gospels according to St. Matthew and to St. Luke: The Magnificat of Mary, the anthem of the angels, the birth of Jesus, the adoration of the shepherds, the Star of Bethlehem, the visit of the wise men, and the flight into Egypt.

Christmas is the Cherry Tree Carol telling us the legend of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, Mary, seeing a tree filled with ripe cherries, asked Joseph to get some for her but he refused, whereupon the branches bent down so she could reach the cherries. Feeling ashamed, Joseph attempted to reach the fruit, but the branches flew back so that he could not reach them.

Christmas is giving and sharing, remembering the destitute and unfortunate, and presenting gifts to those in need and loneliness and faced with adversity and affliction.

Christmas is reading Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" and living again with old Scrooge and Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim, and feeling the blessedness and beauty of this ghostly Christmas story, saying with Tiny Tim, "God bless us everyone."

Christmas is reading Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," and going again on the long quest and journey with the other wise man to find the king of kings. All of us are on a journey through the realm of this mortality in search of the fulfillment of our souls in the eternal city of God.

Christmas is journeying with Washington Irving in his "Christmas Papers," and living with him in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day of Merrie England in the day of the stagecoach and glowing candles in hospitable inns bedecked with holly and mistletoe, and carol singers serenading the lords and ladies in the baronial halls radiant with the yule log and banqueting in the gay pageantry of the season.

Christmas is candles glowing in windows on Christmas Eve symbolizing the light and love dispelling the darkness, and filling the heart with a joyful faith in the power of love to overcome evil and bring in the day of universal peace. There is the tradition that candles are put in the windows to light the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas Eve. All of us cherish the beauty of the Christmas candlelight service. Before the Birth of Christ men looked upon the lighted candle as the symbol of spiritual aspiration. In the Old Testament frequent references are made to the candle as the symbol of spiritual light. We read in Psalms 18:28: "For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness."

Christmas is a boys' choir, with rosy cheeks and sweet voices, singing with exultation, "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," and "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear."

Christmas is Santa Claus with his wonderful and magic gifts and toys for little children, and reading again about the visit of St. Nicholas in Clement Moore's poem, and living again in the enchantment of Christmas Eves of child-

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Christmas is returning home to family and friends, savoring the joys of friendship, exchanging gifts with grateful hearts, enjoying the Christmas dinner, and sitting before the open fire enjoying the comfort and goodness of home.

Christmas is bright new toys beneath a festive tinseled tree with happy children opening the gaily wrapped packages on Christmas morning.

Christmas is trimming the Christmas tree with gilded walnuts, gilded wishbones, popcorn and cranberry strings, paper chains, and twinklers. Christmas is having a tree of holly, fir, cedar, or pine with golden tinsel and shiny red balls and silver icicles and a beautiful star at the top and a little angel with shining silver wings.

Christmas is baking fruit cakes, roasting the turkey with chestnut or oyster dressing, and making mince pies, stuffed dates, circus candies, cinnamon crisps, and Christmas tree cookies.

Christmas is the bells and chimes ringing out the frosty air of midnight and dawn the carols "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World."

Christmas is listening to a great choir singing triumphantly the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

Christmas is remembering the history of Christmas in our country: The first celebration of Christmas held by Englishmen in America was at Jamestown in 1607. Capt. John Smith wrote in his record: "The extreme winde, rayne, frost, and snow caused us to keep Christmas among the Savages, where we were never more merry, nor fed on more plenty of oysters, fish, flesh, wildfowl and good bread."

Governor Bradford wrote in his record about the Christmas at Plymouth in 1620: "We went on shore, some to fell timber, some to saw, some to rive, and some to carry: so no man rested all that day." In the evening there was a Christmas dinner on the Mayflower.

The Puritans observed Christmas as a solemn day of worship. In 1659 the General Court of Massachusetts enacted the following law relative to Christmas: "Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forebearing of labor, feasting, or any other way as a festival shall be fined Five Shilling."

In the cold and snow of Valley Forge, George Washington prayed with his troops on Christmas Day, 1777.

In the deep south back in the 1800s, it was the custom to hold open house at old Southern mansions. A few days before Christmas a load of cotton pulled by a six-mule team would be decorated with colored streamers, and sent to town to be exchanged for Christmas supplies for the plantation. A plantation legend says that on Christmas Eve at the stroke of midnight all the farm animals kneel toward the star of the east.

Christmas is living in memories of Christmas in the past: Doing the Christmas trading at the general store, which was fragrant with spices and candy and fruit and coffee and cheese; sawing and splitting a lot of extra wood for the holidays — grandfather killing and dressing a big fat goose — fresh butter being churned and hams and bacon being brought in from the smokehouse — going to church to see the children's Christmas pageant and then having gifts presented from the Sunday School Christmas tree — children piling into cold beds on Christmas Eve with a thrilling expectancy and joyful mystery pervading the cold room under the rafters—jumping out of bed on Christmas morning and running to the fireplace and taking down the stockings filled with candy and nuts and fruit, and then kneeling in the cold of Christmas dawning and looking over the magic toys Saint Nick had left on the hearth — smelling the wonderful odors of roasting turkey, ham, mince pies and cakes from mother's kitchen—the young people laughing and joking in the kitchen while making divinity fudge and having a good time taffy pulling — on Christmas evening everyone enjoying the magic-lantern slides—skating on the millpond on Christmas afternoon—going to church on Christmas morning and coming back home to sit down to the delectable Christmas dinner—playing charades on Christmas night—dipping bayberry candles and roasting apples and eating plum pudding—real candles of white and red and blue and yellow decorating the Christmas tree—neighborhood carol sings, and afterwards enjoying fruit cake and coffee before an open fire.

Christmas is worshipping in the sanctuary on Christmas Day and lifting up our voices with friends and neighbors in this prayer: "O God our Father, who hast brought us again to the glad season when we commemorate the birth of thy son, Jesus Christ our Lord, grant that his spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old; open our lips that we too may sing with uplifted hearts, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Amen."

Christmas is a blessing to the heart and a benediction to the spirit with this simple commandment of Christian love written by an unknown author: "Ah, friends, dear friends, as years go on and heads get gray, how fast the guests do go! Touch hands, with those who stay. Strong hands to the weak, old hands to young, around the Christmas board touch hands. The false forget, the foe forgive, for every guest will go and every fire burn low and cabin empty stand. Forget, forgive, for who may say that Christmas Day may ever come to host or guest again. Touch hands!"

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

THE ALBERT PIKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" of Plymouth, N. C. held their regular meeting on Thursday night Nov. 12, 1964 at the "Masonic Temple," Plymouth, N. C. A delicious charcoal steak dinner was prepared and served by the Brethren, under the direction of Brother Charles Hutchins.

The following members were present: Brother George Raymond Leggett Sr., President, Brother William A. Roebuck, Vice President; Brother Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary and Treasurer. Other members: R. H. Lucas, Benton Tetterton, Dan K. Pittman, Raymond Sawyer, Putt Landing, Wendell Ange, Woodrow Dixon, Hugh Brown, Randy Waters, Charles Hutchins, C. D. Ingoll, Frank Bickerstaff, James Spencer, Bryant Harris.

Our next meeting, will be at "Hub's Reck," Belhaven, N. C., Thursday night, Dec. 10, 1964.

Throughout history, Masonry has led every movement for progress, and has survived every attack. Today it faces its most glorious opportunity. New vistas are just over the horizon. Ours is a magnificent heritage. As you and I each live our Masonry, Masonry will live. Just as our Fraternity through the years, has played a vital role in the true achievements of man, so Masonry will continue to go forth in shining spiritual armor to its rendezvous with Destiny.

The fundamental tenets upon which we have reared our nation are sound. As long as we remain true to such ideals, we need have no fear. The future of our country is dependent upon our determination and ability to maintain and vitalize the principles which made the America of 1776 and the America of today. This we can do only if we consecrate ourselves to the faith which inspired these tenets, and only if we give ourselves and dedicate our nation to the service of Him who creates all men and all nations.

Our material prosperity rests upon the character of our people; and that, in turn, rests upon our spiritual faith. If we are to carry on and perfect the structure which our fathers built, we must have a deep and abiding faith. We must devote ourselves unreservedly to the ideals of our forefathers and our Fraternity. As long as we are inspired by these fundamentals, as long as we embrace individual freedom, as long as we maintain individual responsibility, as long as we preserve the opportunity for individual achievement—just that long may we, with confidence, look forward to a better day—a day for which Masonry largely will be responsible.

There is joy and satisfaction in work well done, no matter how lowly that work may be. There is an honest pride which comes when duty, however humble, has been faithfully performed. There is a deep sense of satisfaction in knowing that one is of some use in the world and to one's fellowmen. These joys and satisfactions are within reach of us all.

May every effort be truly rewarded in our fall reunion.

WILMER C. CHESSON,
Secretary and Treasurer

EAST CARTERET SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held its regular monthly meeting on November 2nd at 8:30 P.M. in the Franklin Lodge building, Beaufort, N. C.

The meeting was called to order by Brother T. J. Sparks, President, who read a letter from Brother Charlie Seifert, 33°, Secretary-Treasurer, stating that he believed it would help the Consistory to have two Ambassadors in the Club to stimulate activity. Brother T. J. Sparks and Brother Walter Thompson were appointed.

There were fourteen members present and as there was very little business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

During the month of October the Club was very active and as a result we hope to have eight or ten Brothers to take the degrees at our Fall Reunion.

Also, during October we had a supper at Fleming's Restaurant which was attended by eleven members, four visitors and one candidate. We had a very good meal and short talks by some of the Brethren.

The Ladies' Night Dinner at Rex Restaurant on October 22nd was a big success and about two hundred attended. East Carteret had about four candidates present at this party.

Also, we held a Ladies' Night supper at Atlantic, N. C. with about twenty Brethren and their ladies present. The food was delicious and everyone enjoyed the talk by Brother R. D. Shinkle.

H. W. Willis, 32°,
Secretary-Treasurer

ELIZABETH CITY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Ladies Night Scottish Rite Party in Elizabeth City was held on Wednes-

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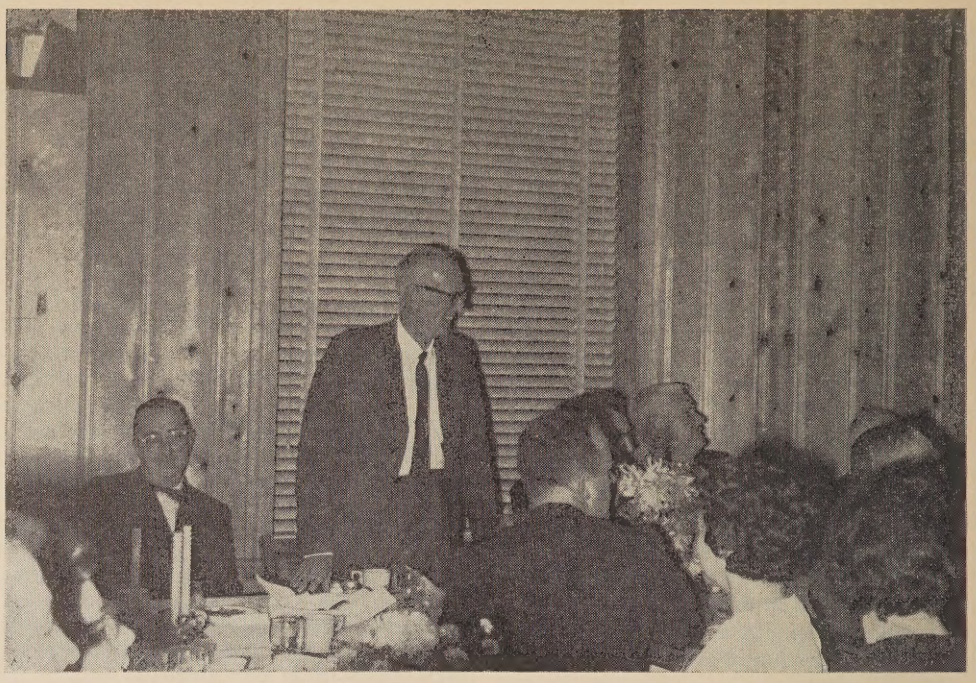
day October 28, 1964 in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple in Elizabeth City. A total of 220 guests attended, including our candidates for initiation at the fall re-unon in New Bern on 17-18-19 November, and their ladies, enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner. This dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of Elizabeth City Chapter No. 44, Order of Eastern Star, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Bro. Francis W. Clark, 33°, was the Toastmaster of the evening, and we were favored by a visit and a brief talk from the genial and ever-welcome Secretary of New Bern Consistory No. 3, Bro. Charlie Seifert, 33°. Bro. Robert F. Spence 32°, KCCH gave the Invocation and Bro. Cosby S. Jones 32°, delivered the address of welcome to those present. The Toastmaster introduced the Officers of the Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club for 1964: Bro. Clarence Morisette, 32°, President; Bro. L. S. Bell Jr., 32°, Vice President; and Bro. Bernard Hogan, 32°, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. W. M. Smith, 32°, KCCH introduced the Speaker of the Evening, Rev. W. M. Edge, 32°. Bro. Edge delivered his message in two parts; the first was devoted to the re-telling of humorous stories and events in his life and ministry, and the second part in a serious vein, entitled "Echoes of Faith". This message was very appropriate to the occasion, and should serve as an inspiration to all Scottish Rite Masons and to those who seek further Masonic knowledge.

All present agreed that this was one of the best Ladies Night Scottish Rite parties ever held in Elizabeth City, and voiced appreciation for the support and cooperation extended by New Bern Con-



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Charlie Seifert, 33°, Secretary, talks to the guests at the Elizabeth City Party.

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The evening closed with the Benediction pronounced by Bro. "Dick" Lucas, 33°, our distinguished visitor from Plymouth, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
BERNARD HOGAN
Secretary-Treasurer

MOREHEAD CITY LADIES' NIGHT PARTY

On Thursday night, October 22nd, the New Bern Consistory sponsored one of its Ladies' Night parties in Morehead City at the Rex Restaurant.

Brother Theodore Phillips, 32°, acted as Toastmaster and the Invocation was given by Stanley Woodland, P.M. The Address of Welcome was given by James M. Davis, 32°, P.M.

A delicious dinner consisting of Chicken Cassiatora, String Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Italian Bread, Pineapple Upside-Down Cake and Coffee was served to the 200 members and guests present.

Brother Charlie Midyette, 33°, of New Bern, N. C. introduced the speaker of the evening, Brother Edward P. Blair, 33°, of Vanceboro who gave a splendid talk on Scottish Rite Masonry.

The party was a big success and everyone present had a wonderful evening!

Morehead City Ladies' Night Party—some of the group enjoying a delicious dinner at Rex Restaurant.

Speaker's Table, Morehead Party—seated left to right—Julia Herndon, C. A. Seifert, Ed Blair, Mrs. C. A. Seifert, Mrs. Jake Chadwick, Mrs. Wallace Jones. Standing—left to right—Theodore Phillips, Rev. Dick Shinkle, J. M. Davis, Mrs. J. M. Davis and Charlie Midyette.

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Approximately 175 Scottish Rite Masons, their wives, friends and prospective candidates gathered together for a most enjoyable evening at Fort Bragg Lodge #667, AF&AM Banquet Hall on October 29th, 1964.

After suitable introductory remarks by Brother Past Master Charles G. Harrill, 32°, Toastmaster, the invocation was pronounced by Brother Major (Chaplain) E. H. Ammerman, 32°, a member of Jacksonville, Fla. Bodies.

A delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Brother William C. Hammond Jr., 32°, Master of Fort Bragg Lodge then welcomed the assemblage. Following this Brother T. G. Slate, 33°, introduced the speaker for the evening, Brother Seth Henderson, 32°, of Havelock, N. C.

Brother Henderson gave a most inspiring talk, stressing the importance of decision, pointing out that we always have to make decisions and that the ones we make affect our entire life. He pointed out our duty to make the right decisions on our duties to Education, the Church, our Country and to Fellowship, or our duties to Education, the Church, our Country and to Fellowship, or our duties to our fellowman.

Following his talk the Toastmaster recognized the KCCH Brethren present and then the 33° Masons present; Brothers Tom Brown, R. Vincent Mac Bryde, T. G. Slate and our beloved Secretary Charlie Seifert. All responded with remarks of interest. Brother Slate introduced the members of the 20th degree team who were present and promised all prospective candidates a most enjoyable time at our November Reunion. Brother Seifert welcomed all to the Reunion, and gave a short resume of the red tape of registering and paying the prescribed fees. As usual, he convulsed the assemblage with several of his famous stories.

The benediction was then pronounced by Brother Ammerman after which a brief period of fellowship was enjoyed. All left vowing to do their utmost for Scottish Rite Masonry.

Seth Henderson, 32°, of Havelock, N. C.—Speaker Fort Bragg Party.

Members and guests enjoy themselves at Fort Bragg Ladies' Night Party!

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The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club met on November 4th with about 15

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members, guests and candidates present. We called this our "Candidates' Night Dinner" and I believe we will have several to take the degrees from Wilson County. Our guest speaker for the evening was Mr. J. H. Hanchrow, C.P.A. of Wilson, who gave a very enjoyable talk.

This was the first meeting in which our new President, Cecil B. Lamm, presided.

The Club elected the following Ambassadors to the Blue Lodges of Wilson County for the purpose of keeping the Club informed of newly made Master Masons in their respective Lodges:

Lucama #327, Carl Aycock and Alonza Honeycutt; Joseph Warren #92, Stantonsburg, N. C., Jesse Yates and Charles Dawson; Wilson #712, Charles Barker and H. K. Smith; Mt. Lebanon #117, Dan Harrell and Percy Farrell.

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Secretary-Treasurer

In Memoriam

	Date of Death
Paul W. Schultz, Jr., 32°, Sumter, S. C.	Oct. 27, 1964
Garrell B. Moser, 32°, Sophia, N. C.	Oct. 22, 1964
Joseph Jerome Connery, 32°, Elizabeth City, N. C.	March 28, 1964
George Franklin Walter, 32°, Elizabeth City, N. C.	Aug. 14, 1964
Eugene Moore, 32°, Ahoskie, N. C.	Oct. 19, 1964
Joseph P. Simpson, 32°, Williamston, N. C.	April 29, 1964
John A. Buck, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	Nov. 21, 1964
Jasper Marion Westbrook, 32°, Newton Grove, N. C.	Sept. 30, 1964
James L. Scott, 32°, Grantsboro, N. C.	May 23, 1964

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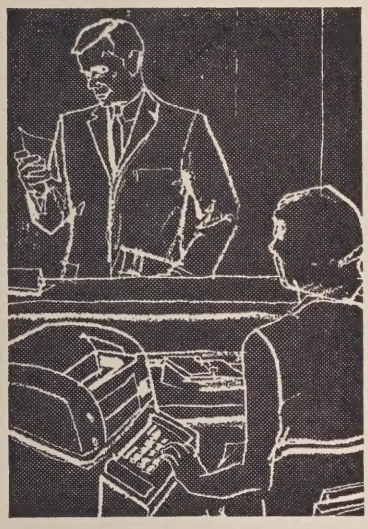

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THE ECONOMON-DAVIS-HEMINGWAY MEMORIAL CLASS

Tuesday afternoon, November 17th, 1964 the class of candidates receiving the beautiful degrees of the Fall Reunion of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies held its first business session in the classroom under the direction of Lecturer Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33°. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the class was named the Economon-Davis-Hemingway Class in memory of Brother Theodore Economon, Morehead City, N. C., who passed away August 17, 1964, Brother Guy E. Davis, Kenly, N. C. who passed away August 17, 1964 and Brother Elton C. Hemingway, Godwin, N. C. who passed away July 4, 1964.

The following officers were elected: President, Clarence B. Beasley, New Bern, N. C.; Vice-President, James V. O'Malley, Jacksonville, N. C.; Secretary-Treasurer, Joseph N. LeConte, Greenville, N. C.; Orator, Merle S. Ampacher, Atlantic, N. C.

A collection was taken up from members of the class, which was presented to Brother Robert L. Pugh 33°, Lecturer, Brother Thomas G. Slate, 33°, Class Marshall and Brother Leslie L. Parker, 32°, K.C.C.H., Ass't. Class Marshall, in appreciation of the personal attention that these Brethren had given in connection with the lectures and in conducting the Brethren to and from the classroom. These gifts were presented at the final banquet of the Bodies on the night of November 19th, and were received with gratitude by the Brethren in question. The Brethren thanked the members of the class for their kind consideration and thoughtfulness. The gifts were very much appreciated.

Thursday night, November 19, 1964, the program was turned over to the class at which time Brother Beasley expressed thanks to the Ladies of the Eastern Star for their work in preparing and serving the excellent meals and also presented to the ladies of the Eastern Star money collected from the class members. Mrs. Sarah Lovell, Worthy Matron of Craven Chapter No. 129, O.E.S., accepted the same. Also a gift was sent to the Oxford Orphanage, the gift in the form of money collected from the class.

Brother Beasley expressed the thanks of the class for the fine degree work put on by the various teams of the Consistory, also thanked the Director of the Work and his staff, the Stage Crew, and the Costume Department and acknowledged the splendid spirit of fellowship and cooperation shown by the members of the New Bern Consistory present at the Reunion. His fellow officers expressed their thanks for the splendid meeting and the Orator, Merle S. Amspacher, made a wonderful address to the class and to the members present, which provided a very forceful lesson to all those within the sound of his voice. Through Brother Beasley the class pledged themselves to do their very best to not only be back for the Fall Reunion in November, but also to bring one or more candidates with them.

After this the meeting was closed with a prayer.

Joseph N. LeConte
Secretary-Treasurer

To Our New Initiates

New Members of the Economon, Davis, Hemingway Memorial Class Initiated Fall Reunion Nov. 17th, 18th and 19th, 1964

4° THROUGH 14°

Bennett Bailey, Jr. ..... Swansboro, N. C.

15° THROUGH 32°

George Vernon Barfield ..... Fayetteville, N. C.
William Donald Brown ..... Jacksonville, N. C.
Joseph Vance Gailey ..... New Bern, N. C.
Morris Elwood Jones ..... Jacksonville, N. C.
Eartha O. Norton ..... Wilson, N. C.

19° THROUGH 32°

Ernest Lee Barrett, Jr. ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Bynum Rhodes Brown ..... Murfreesboro, N. C.
James B. Campbell ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Lawrence E. Cunningham ..... Norlina, N. C.
Thad Thomas Davis ..... Seaboard, N. C.
John Ralph Deans ..... Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Cecil M. Forehand, Jr. ..... Murfreesboro, N. C.
George W. Fulghum ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Van Buren Greer ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Robert Myrl Harris ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Arthur James Pitt ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Albert I. Stroud ..... Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
John Lee Thompson ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Jesse Owen Vaughn ..... Scotland Neck, N. C.
Samuel Eason Way ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Adrian J. Williams ..... Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Howard R. Williams ..... Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

31° THROUGH 32°

Forrest F. Adams ..... Durham, N. C.
Leroy Jackson Green ..... Durham, N. C.
James Burwell Martin ..... Durham, N. C.
Garland M. Nance, Jr. ..... Durham, N. C.
Luther R. Watson ..... Durham, N. C.

4° THROUGH 32°

Jimmy Lee Adams ..... New Bern, N. C.
Merle S. Ampacher ..... Atlantic, N. C.
Neil Baker ..... Havelock, N. C.
James Baswell Barnett ..... Kinston, N. C.
Alex Edward Barwick ..... Deep Run, N. C.
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Bruce Foy ..... Trenton, N. C.
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Gordon Earl Gillis ..... Jacksonville, N. C.
Frank A. Grantham ..... Morehead City, N. C.
Harry V. Hamilton ..... Swansboro, N. C.
Robert H. Davenport ..... Dover, N. C.
Reid A. Hawthorn ..... Elizabeth City, N. C.
James L. Henderson, Jr. ..... Jacksonville, N. C.
Wyatt R. Highsmith ..... Greenville. N. C.
Walter Egbert Ives ..... Trenton, N. C.
Robert W. Jenkins ..... Jacksonville, N. C.
John Robert Jones ..... Swansboro, N. C.
William V. Laughinghouse ..... New Bern, N. C.
Joseph N. LeConte ..... Greenville, N. C.
William H. Leonard ..... Camp Lejeune, N. C.
Donald R. Mansfield ..... Morehead City, N. C.
John A. Marsteller ..... Jacksonville, N. C.
Ray Matthews ..... Wilson, N. C.
Lem Sawyer Meiggs ..... Elizabeth City, N. C.
Thomas S. Morgan ..... Winfall, N. C.
Mitchell R. Morris ..... Smyrna, N. C.
Harold E. McNair, Sr. ..... Camp Lejeune, N. C.
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Fall Reunion 1964

(Counties from which they Came)

Beaufort	1
Carteret	8
Chowan	1
Craven	15
Cumberland	7
Dare	2
Durham	5
Edgecombe	8
Halifax	5
Hertford	3
Jones	2
Lenoir	2
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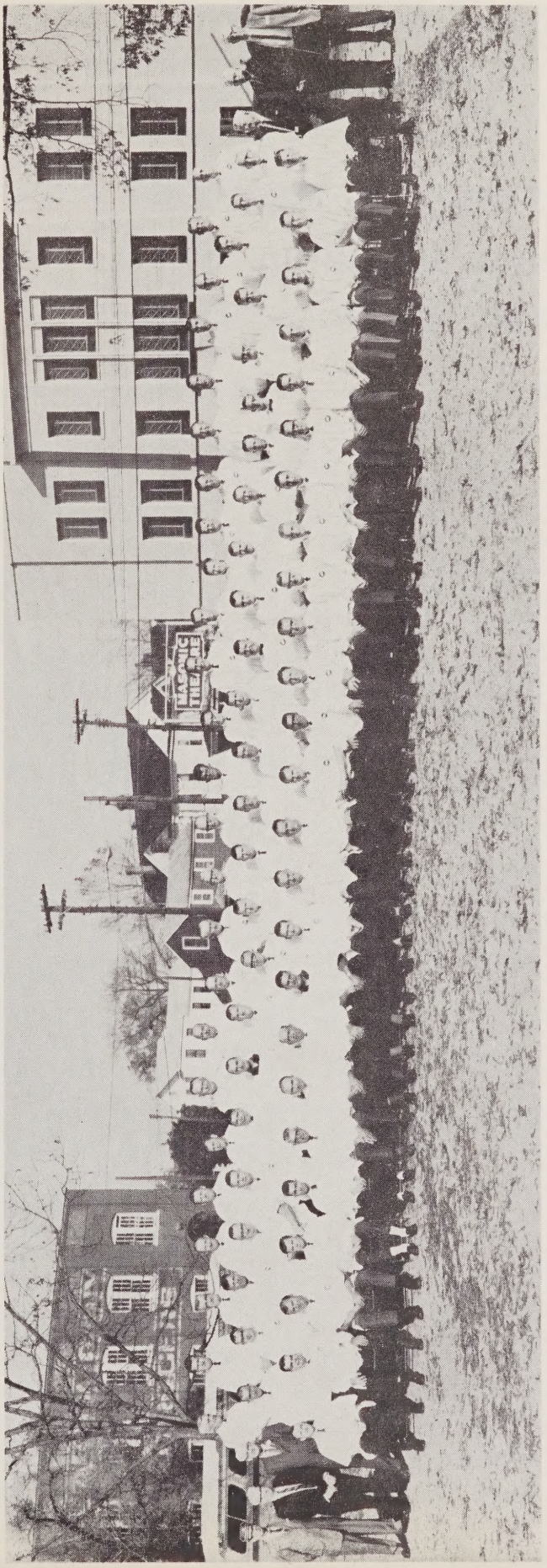

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In Pasquotank County, is the site of the First Public Schoolhouse in North Carolina; the site of the First General Assembly of North Carolina which was held under a large oak tree at Halls Creek in 1665; the site of the First Open Rebellion against the King of England in 1677. This was called Culpepper's Rebellion and was about a houndred years before the Boston Tea Party which is better known.

The Old Brick House which is reputed to have been one of the hideouts of Blackbeard the Pirate, is one of the old homes in the area, many of which date back into the the 1700's.

Also here is the Christ Episcopal Church which is on the National Tour of Churches. Its matched stained glass windows tell the story and life of Christ and are said to be the best in America. This church was built in 1857 when there were only seventy-seven (77) members, but with their faith in the future they built a church that would seat 450.

It is the gateway to education. Located here are the Elizabeth City State College; The College of The Albemarle—A comprehensive community college covering the field of Education from liberal arts to technical and vocational courses; The Roanoke Bible College; the Carolina College of Commerce; and the Albemarle School of Practical Nursing.

It is the gateway to medicine for the Albemarle, for located here is the ultra-modern Albemarle Hospital—the most complete hospital of its size in North Carolina. In the city are twenty-three fine doctors, serving the area.

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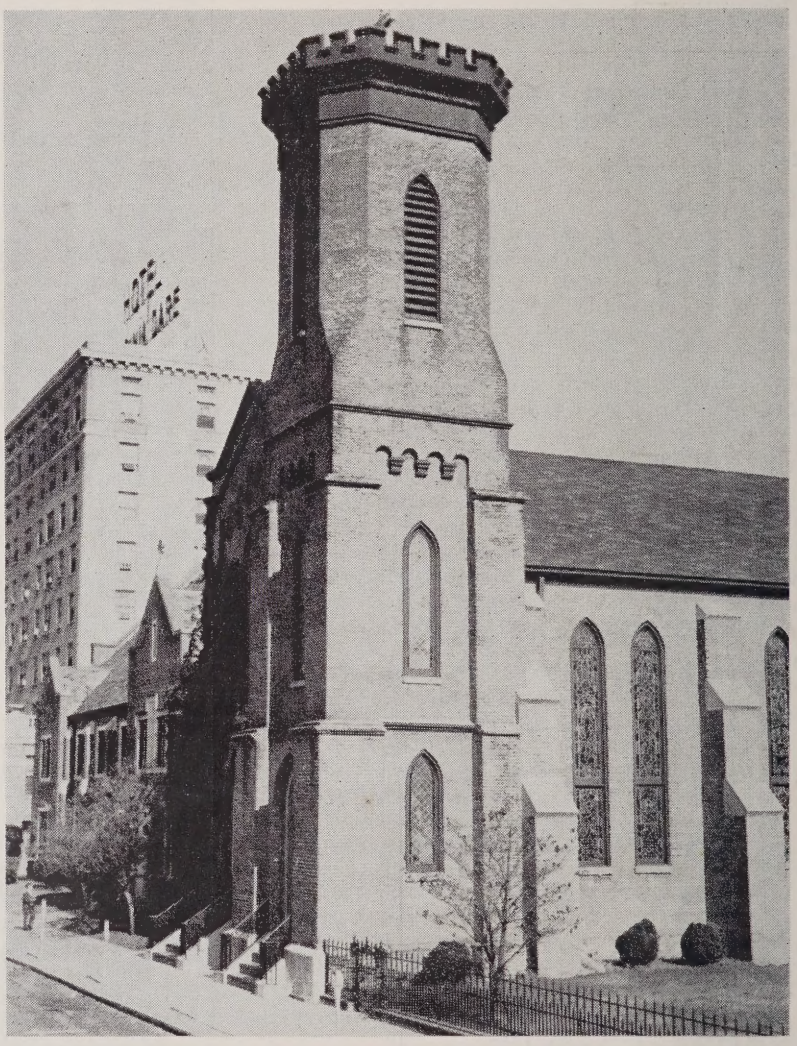
Come visit and stay in Elizabeth City. It is the gateway to adventure and history.



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